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Mr. H. Freeman Matthews  
Deputy Under Secretary  
Department of State  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Matthews:

General Smith has asked me to reply to your letter, dated 7 July 1952, in which you requested this Agency's endorsement of the policy formulated by the State Department for the return of seized German documents to the Federal Republic of Germany.

Certain categories of German documents are actively used by intelligence researchers in the course of their daily work. They are important and unique sources of intelligence information which, if returned to Germany, would represent a serious loss to national security interests. Your draft statement has the necessary safeguard, paragraph 4(a), to preclude this from happening.

This Agency therefore concurs in the general principles of the draft, and looks forward to participating with the State Department and other agencies in establishing procedures for implementing the policy.

Sincerely,

LOFTUS BECKER

LOFTUS E. BECKER  
Deputy Director/Intelligence

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REMARKS: Lofty:

This has been coordinated with  
 OO/FDD, the Records Management people, OIS, and  
 General Counsel. All agree that the loop-hole is  
 big enough.

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